

Notice of Allowability

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10/613,001

Examiner

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1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 11/13/2006.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-20.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
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6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material

5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date _____
7. ☐ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____


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DETAILED ACTION

1. This is in response to the Applicant's amendments and arguments filed on 11/13/2006 in which claims 1-20 are currently pending.

Reasons for Allowance

2. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowed:

Claims 1-20 are allowed.

Regarding claim 1, the prior art record fails to anticipate or render obvious a system for providing traffic information for planning a trip comprising:

a cellular telephones;

a base station, the base station having a zone of communication, whereby the base station creates tracking information pertaining to the amount of cellular telephones located in the zone of communication regardless of the cellular telephone statuses;

transmitting means for transmitting a signal to cause cellular phones that are in an off position to response;

a processing station configured for receiving cellular telephone emissions, the processing station being in communication with the base station, the processing station being configured for receiving data input and tracking information from cellular telephones to the base stations, the processing station determining traffic speed by analyzing the tracking information; and

notification means for sending a navigation pathway package to at least one cellular telephone, the navigation pathway package including information about an upcoming traffic jam, alternate route information, maps, supporting data for visual displays, amount of time to

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a turn off, amount of time to a given pathway, distance to a turn-off, distance to a given pathway, directional information, information about surrounding landmarks and combination thereof, all limitations in combination as defined by applicant, all limitations in combination as defined by applicant.

Regarding claim 9, the prior art record fails to anticipated or render obvious a a management system using cellular telephones comprising:

a traffic management system including cellular telephone defining data input; and

a plurality of base stations, each base station having a zone of communication, each base station creating tracking information pertaining to the amount of cellular telephones located in the zone of communication regardless of the cellular telephone status, the base stations being connected with at least one processing station and at least one cellular telephone user, the processing station being configured for receiving the tracking information and the data input from the cellular telephone user, and the processing defining a navigation pathway for the cellular telephone user at least partially based on the data input from the cellular telephone user and traffic speed information determined by the processing station through the use of the tracking information;

transmitting means for transmitting a signal to cause cellular phones that are in an off position to response;

notification means for sending a navigation pathway package to at least one cellular telephone, the navigation pathway package including information about an upcoming traffic jam, alternate route information, maps, supporting data for visual displays, amount of time to

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a turn off, amount of time to a given pathway, distance to a turn-off, distance to a given pathway, directional information, information about surrounding landmarks and combination thereof, all limitations in combination as defined by applicant.

Regarding claim 17, the prior art record fails to anticipated or render obvious a method using cellular telephones for managing traffic comprising:

providing a traffic management system including

a plurality of base stations connected to at least one processing station, each base station having a zone of communication, each base station creating tracking information pertaining to the amount of cellular telephones located in the zone of communication regardless of cellular telephone status, whereby the processing station determines traffic volume by analyzing the tracking information,

transmitting means for transmitting a signal to cause cellular phones that are in an off position to response;

plurality of cellular telephone users, the traffic management system being suitable for identifying traffic congestion and traffic speed based on monitoring cellular telephone traffic; sending data input from the cellular telephone users to the at least one processing station; developing navigation pathways in the processing station based at least partially on the data input from the cellular telephone users; inputting data from the cellular telephone users along the navigation pathway to the base stations, the information being suitable for the at least one processing station to track the position of the cellular telephone user on the navigation pathway using a single base; and providing data output from the at least one processing

station to the cellular telephone users including providing notice of ensuing key navigation points along the navigation pathway to the cellular telephone users along the navigation pathway station and redirecting the cellular telephone user on the navigation pathway in relation to the traffic congestion detected by the plurality of base stations; and

notification means for sending a navigation pathway package to at least one cellular telephone, the navigation pathway package including information about an upcoming traffic jam, alternate route information, maps, supporting data for visual displays, amount of time to a turn off, amount of time to a given pathway, distance to a turn-off, distance to a given pathway, directional information, information about surrounding landmarks and combination thereof, all limitations in combination as defined by applicant.

3. Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submission should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

4. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Dai A Phuong whose telephone number is 571-272-7896. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday to Friday, 9:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M..

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Nguyen M Duc can be reached on 571-272-7503. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.


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